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Board of EMS Meeting
Central Maine Medical Center
April 1, 1998
MINUTES

Members Present: J. Fields (Chair), J. McKenny (Chair-Elect), L. Bouchard, R. Doughty, W. Dunwoody, S. Leach, J. Defillip, C. Little, P. DiPietrantonio, D. Lindahl, G. Murray, S. Hayes

Staff: J. Bradshaw, J. Lebrun, D. Carroll, D. White, W. Zito, J. Caron, D. Bahr,

Guests: Patrick Cote (Parkview Hospital), C. Martin, W. Werts

1. Minutes

MOTION: *To approve the minutes of the February 4, 1998, Board meeting as distributed (Little; second by Dunwoody). Carried.*

2. Introductions

Patrick Cote and Wayne Werts introduced themselves and were welcomed by J. Fields.

3. Old Business

A. *EMS/TC Task Force*

Nothing new to report.

B. *Reengineering Service License - Update*

Work is continuing on this process, the MDPB is expected to give final approval to the Medical Director's signature criteria at their April meeting.

C. *Strategic Planning Draft*

The Operations Team did not get to this item at their March meeting; however, it will be on the agenda for both the April and May meetings.

D. Legislative Update

J. Fields reviewed the history of LD 597 and the meeting with the MPA prior to the legislative hearing. The final version of this bill, which has been passed and signed by the Governor, removes the section dealing with criminal convictions as well as the section relating to expanded scope of practice. The net effect of the final version of this bill will be to expand the Board to include; a representative of Maine hospitals, a representative of Fire Services, and a second public representative. The bill also requires that at least one member (not including the public representatives) of the Board must be a member of a volunteer EMS service.

J. Bradshaw reported that; the DNR bill (LD 1729) was defeated in Committee, the Sales Tax Exemption bill (LD 607) is still being considered, as is the SIDS bill (LD 2276).

E. Unfinished Business

There were questions about any recent developments in the OIG interpretation regarding hospitals providing supplies or in-kind services to EMS squads. Jay reviewed the information that has been received by Maine EMS and has been previously discussed, but there has been no update since the previous Board meeting. This issue will continue to be monitored by MEMS and updated information will be forwarded as it is received.

F. Other

None at this time

4. New Business

A. Operations Team/Committee Action Items

None at this time

B. EMS Week

W. Dunwoody distributed and discussed the recommendations from the Awards Committee of this year's recipients.

Motion: To approve the Awards Committee recommendations as follows; Governor's Award, Dr. David Stuchiner and Dr. David Clark; Lifetime Achievement Award, George Tatakis; Excellence in EMS Award, Linda Whitman; EMS Merit Awards, Jack Roberts, Jane Chandler, and Sean Hall. (Little; second by DeFillip). Unanimous.

Jay reported that the ceremony would be held May 21, in the State House Hall of Flags. Commissioner Kelly will not be able to attend due to a previous out-of-state commitment; however, Governor King is expected to participate and be the keynote speaker.

C. Education Committee Request

J. Bradshaw reported that the Education Committee has asked the Board to form a subcommittee consisting of representatives from the Board, Education Committee, Exam Committee, Operations Team, MDPB, and staff to review the proposed National Standard curricula for the Paramedic and EMT-I levels; and to empower the committee to recommend adoption if the curricula meet the needs of Maine.

MOTION: To approve the Education Committee's request to form the above mentioned subcommittee and have the Board Chairman make the necessary appointments. (Little; second by Doughty). Carried.

D. Other

D. White reported that a request was received from Rangeley Rescue to approve their Quality Assurance Committee in accordance with the EMS Law.

MOTION: To approve the Quality Assurance Committee of Rangeley Rescue in accordance with 32 MRSA § 92-A (Doughty; second by Dunwoody). Carried.

5. Staff Report

A. Activities - Update

J. Bradshaw reported that all ambulance and EMS service inspections were now up-to-date, and that Bill Montejo and Drexell White have developed a schedule that will keep inspections concurrent. The Board expressed its gratitude to Bill and Drexell on this accomplishment.

Jay also reported that Missi Plaisted will be working on a part-time (20 hours/week) basis until September, when she will return to a full-time schedule. This is not anticipated to cause a staffing problem during the summer months.

The Department of Public Safety has a new Commissioner; Michael Kelly, former Lewiston Police Chief, officially took over that position on March 16. Jay will be meeting with him on April 2, and will invite him to attend a future Board meeting.

B. MDPB Update

J. Bradshaw reported that the MDPB discussed the use of biphasic AEDs, but tabled taking any action until they could review the available data regarding this new technology. Dr. Burton will be contacting participants in the biphasic research project and will report back at the MDPB meeting in April. The MDPB is continuing their work on Protocol revisions/updates, with a targeted completion date sometime this fall. The MDPB also discussed the need to update the DNR/Comfort Care protocol. Jay has talked with Kevin McGinnis about this and Kevin has offered to begin work on this in the immediate future.

C. Other

None at this time.

7. Other

J. Bradshaw read a letter from John Fields which formally announced the intent of Central Maine Healthcare and Eastern Maine Healthcare to seek licensure of an air ambulance service. A copy of John's letter is attached to these minutes. John also reported that because of his position with Central Maine Healthcare, that he will recuse himself from any future Board discussions regarding this license application. Jay noted that Drexell White has been assigned as to handle any questions/concerns regarding this application.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, June 3, at 9:00 a.m. in the Maine EMS Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.